

Mandating copy protection for HDTV is possibly the worst idea I ever heard of. HDTV is not an revolution of television service, rather, an evolution. We are relying on 70 year old broadcast standards, low quality of transmission and reception. HDTV promises to provide a modern delivery system and a better picture and sound. Now, you want to set the clock back to the 1970's before VCR's were in every household - or worse yet, brand people who use VCR's as some kind of information pirate and charge them under the DMCA.

Of course, the broadcasters will cry about lost revenues. Well, I say to them: Give me a compelling reason to watch this television program now - not tomorrow, or next week, but now. They can't. They are a victim of their own success. Sure, in the 70's, they had 30-50% market share. Of course the most popular show on TV will have a 16% share. There's 85 channels for crying out loud! Most of which are owned by 5 companies.

So, if the FCC wants to make a good case not to "upgrade" to HDTV - which you are doing by limiting my fair use of recording devices in the household - pass this ruling. I'm sure about none of the country would buy a system that can't let them time shift, record or reprocess through their fancy home theatres.

Please stop big business from fixing their own economic flaws by legislation. They can sink or swim - and if CBS goes out of business - SO WHAT - there's still 84 other games in town.